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Office Action Summary

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☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Apr 1, 1997

☐ This action is **FINAL**.

☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claims

☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.

☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☒ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

☒ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

☒ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ueno (US PAT. 5,661,568).

Regarding claims 1 and 6, Ueno teaches a data communication apparatus and method for executing plural kinds of communication protocols as shown in figure 1 comprising:

- a) a first data modem (107);
- b) a second data modem (109);
- c) a first protocol modem (106);
- d) a second protocol modem (108);
- e) a network controller (110) comprising a detection circuit for detecting a call signal (col. 4 lines 51-57);
- f) a memory 105 for storing communication information (col. 5 lines 6-17).

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Ueno also teaches transmission speeds are selected based upon an information of a communication of a destination station such that a detection unit is used for detecting a call signal of the destination station. See col. 5 line 18 through col. 9 line 22. Ueno differs from the claimed invention in not specifically teaching two protocol modems. However, Ueno teaches to reduce a total communication time by transmitting protocol signal in a low speed modem and data signal in a high speed modem. Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the modem 108 as a protocol modem for a data modem 109 because of reducing the communication time.

Regarding claims 2-3 and 7-8, Ueno teaches a memory 105 for storing an information of a destination station in accordance with an execution of a communication protocol. See col. 5 lines 6-17.

Regarding claims 4 and 9, Ueno teaches a data communication apparatus is capable of changing with different type of modems. See figure 1 and col. 5 line 18 through col. 9 line 22.

Regarding claims 5 and 10, Ueno differs from the claimed invention in not using V.8 and V.35 in a communication apparatus, the particular of protocol used is merely a matter of design option such that V.34 is the international standard for dial up modems of up to 28,800 bits per second and V.8 is a way V.34 modems negotiate connection features and option.

Response to Arguments

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3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-10 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Yoshida et al. (US PAT. 5,726,765) teaches a data communication apparatus for setting the baud rate and the bit rate of a modem having the modulation and demodulation functions of ITU-T Recommendations V21, V27ter, V29, V17, V8 and V34. See abstract and figure 1.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Curtis Kuntz, can be reached on (703) 305-4708.

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